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SUBJECT: HOAGLAND ARTICLE ON SOUTH AFRICA'S NUCLEAR POTENTIAL

REF: STATE 36026

1. HOAGLAND ARTICLE, WHICH ALSO APPEARED INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE FEB 17, IS BASED MOSTLY ON SPEECH OF OCTOBER 15, 1976, GIVEN ON BEHALF OF PRESIDENT ROUX OF SA ATOMIC ENERGY BOARD BY DEPUTY PRESIDENT HUGO. SUMMARY OF SPEECH CONTAINED IN PRETORIA'S A178 OCT 22.

2. COMMENTING ON CLAIM THAT SOUTH AFRICA IS WITHIN 2-4 YEARS OF MANUFACTURING BOMB, ROUX WAS QUOTED IN RAND DAILY MAIL OF FEBRUARY 21: "THIS IS PURE SPECULATIVE NONSENSE. WE HAVE STATED TIME AND AGAIN THAT OUR NUCLEAR PROGRAM HAS BEEN DIRECTED SOLELY TOWARDS PEACEFUL USES." ROUX ALSO REJECTED HOAGLAND'S FIGURE OF $500 MILLION IN FOREIGN EXCHANGE ANNUALLY FROM FUEL EXPORTS AND STATEMENT BY GERMAN SCIENTIST BECKER THAT ENRICHMENT PROCESS MIGHT HAVE BEEN ADAPTED FROM HIS
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RESEARCH. ROUX SAID EVERY DETAIL OF EARLY US ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH AFRICA WAS FOR PEACEFUL USES.

3. ROUX DENIED THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD "QUIETLY ARRANGED" US COMMITMENT TO SUPPLY FUEL TO KOEBERG AS CLAIMED BY HOAGLAND, POINTING OUT HE HAD PUBLICLY ANNOUNCED THIS HIMSELF NEARLY A YEAR AGO. (SPEECH GIVEN BY HUGO ALSO

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MENTIONED THAT ESCOM HAD ENTERED INTO CONTRACT TO ENSURE
US ENRICHMENT SERVICES FOR KOEBERG WHEN IT GOES ON LINE
1982/3).

4. COPY OF MAIL ARTICLE BEING POUCHED AF/S.BOWDLER

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